

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-23, and 25-26 are in the application of which claims 1, 12, 19, and 23 are in independent form. Claims 1, 2, 9-11, 18-20, 22, and 26 are amended. Claims 12, 14-18, 23, 25, and 26 are allowed and claims 2-6, 20 and 21 are objected to.

Claim objections

In claims 1, 18, 22, and 26 are amended such that "SSC" is changed to "spread spectrum clock." (Note that claims 2-11 do not include the term SSC.) In claims 9-11, "claim 8" is changed to "claim 1." The Examiner is thanked for noticing this error.

Rejections based on Fang. Claims 1, 7, 9-11, 19, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fang (US 6,236,697).

Claims 1 and 19 are amended to include:


"mirroring circuitry to receive the spread spectrum data signal and the reference clock signal and in response thereto to produce a frequency mirrored clock signal that mirrors frequency changes in the spread spectrum data signal."

Fang does not disclose any such mirroring circuitry. Accordingly, claims 1 and 19 should be allowed. Claims 7 and 9-11 are dependent on claim 1. Claim 22 is dependent on claim 19. Accordingly, claims 7, 9-11, and 22 should be allowable for at least this reason.

There may be additional reasons for patentability for the independent and dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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